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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP TO SECRETARY BRINEGAR'S VISIT TO ROMANIA

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1. IN FOLLOW-UP TO SECRETARY BRINEGAR'S VISIT, EMBASSY ECONOMIC OFFICER MET WITH GHEORGHE BALASOIU OF ROMANIAN MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION ON ISSUES CONTAINED REFTEL. MAJOR TOPICS AND ACTION REQUESTED FOLLOW.

2. MARITIME BILATERAL. BALASOIU AGAIN EXPRESSED ROMANIAN INTEREST IN CONCLUDING MARITIME BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH U.S. AS GUIDE TO SORT OF AGREEMENT ROMANIA DESIRES, EMBASSY HAS BEEN PROVIDED DRAFT AGREEMENT IN ROMANIAN AND ALSO ROMANIAN TEXT OF MARITIME BILATERAL CONCLUDED BY ROMANIA AND ITALY MAY 1973. COPIES OF BOTH TEXTS BEING POUCHED TO STATE (EUR/EE) FOR FOLLOW UP.

3. ABS-RNR AGREEMENT. DURING PORTION OF DISCUSSION IN WHICH EMIL SAVU, DIRECTOR OF ROMANIAN NAVAL REGISTRY, ALSO PARTICIPATED, BALASOIU AGREED TO PROVIDE EMBASSY ROMANIAN POSITION ON
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DRAFT AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN RNR AND AMERICAN BUREAU

OF SHIPPING. THESE DOCUMENTS HAVE ALSO BEEN RECEIVED AND ARE BEING POUCHED TO STATE.

4. INVITATIONS. BALASOIU COMMENTED THAT MINISTER DUDAS HAD VERY MUCH APPRECIATED SECRETARY BRINEGAR'S INVITATION TO VISIT THE U.S. BUT THAT A WRITTEN INVITATION WOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR DUDAS TO ACCEPT. WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO FORWARD SUCH AN INVITATION FROM SECRETARY BRINEGAR TO DUDAS. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED WHETHER POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT MAYOR BRADLEY OF LOS ANGELES MIGHT REISSUE INVITATION EXTENDED TO MAYOR NICOLAE PETRE OF CONSTANTA BY FORMER MAYOR YORTY (PARA 7 REFTEL). AS INDICATED DURING VISIT, AMBASSADOR COULD EXTEND INVITATION ON MAYOR BRADLEY'S BEHALF DURING FORTHCOMING MEETING WITH PETRE JUNE 28.

5. DEEP-WATER PORTS, CANAL. BALASOIU AGAIN ASKED FOR INFORMATION ON DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND MANAGEMENT OF DEEP-WATER PORTS (PARA 5 REFTEL), REFERRING TO COAST GUARD STUDY MENTIONED BY CMDR. SULLIVAN. WITH REGARD CANAL, HE IS AWAITING INFORMATION ON BACKGROUND AND TECHNICAL EXPERTISE OF DAVID OBERLIN OF ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY DEVELOPMENT CORP. IN ORDER TO EVALUATE POSSIBILITY OF VISIT BY OBERLIN TO ROMANIA. WE UNDERSTAND FORMER TRANSPORTATION MINISTER DRAGANESCU DISCUSSED CANALS AT SOME LENGTH DURING A VISIT TO HOLLAND.

6. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SHIPS HAVING CALLED AT CERTAIN PORTS. SINCE WE HAVE NO CURRENT DATA HERE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE STATE, IN CONSULTATION WITH COAST GUARD, ADVISING EMBASSY WHETHER ANY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS EXIST FOR SHIPS WISHING TO ENTER AMERICAN PORTS THAT HAVE PREVIOUSLY CALLED AT PORTS IN CHINA, NORTH VIETNAM, NORTH KOREA OR CUBA.
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